## IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Kunihiko HORIKAWA et al. Conf. 1193 Application No. 10/577,144 Group 2627

Filed April 26, 2006 Examiner Van Nguven CHOW INFORMATION RECORDING DEVICE AND INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD

## AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents December 17, 2009 P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of August 19, 2009, for which the period for response has been extended by one month, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.